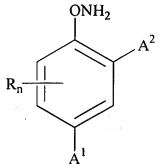
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A compound of the formula



(1)

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wherein one of A^1 and A^2 is NO_2 and the other is CF_3, ~~n=0-3 and~~ n = 1-3 and R is halo, alkyl or CF_3.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

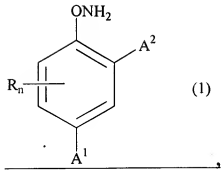
4. (canceled)

5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n=1.

6. (original) The compound of claim 5, wherein R is ortho to ONH_2.

7. (original) The compound of claim 6, wherein R is CF_3.

8. (currently amended) A method to aminate a nitrogen in a recipient compound, which method comprises treating said recipient compound with a compound of formula (1):



(1)

wherein one of A^1 and A^2 is NO_2 and the other is CF_3, n=0-3, and R is halo, alkyl or CF_3;

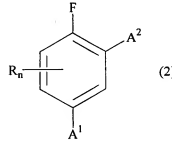
under conditions wherein said amination can proceed.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said conditions comprise the presence of base and an appropriate solvent.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the recipient compound comprises indole.

11. (currently amended) A method to synthesize the compound of ~~claim 1~~ formula (1) wherein one of A^1 and A^2 is NO_2 and the other is CF_3, n=0-3 and R is halo, alkyl or CF_3, which method comprises

treating a compound of the formula



(2)

wherein ~~A^1, A^2, R and n are as defined in claim 1~~ one of A^1 and A^2 is NO_2 and the other is CF_3, n=0-3, and R is halo, alkyl or CF_3,

with an alkyl hydroxylacylamidate or with Boc-hydroxylamine.